GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2365
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
LIVING STANDARD OF RURAL POOR
BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have conducted any survey to estimate the number of rural poor and their standard of living ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise ;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the problems of rural poor ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of the rural poor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The State Governments conducted the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census at the behest of Ministry of Rura Development at the beginning of each Five Year Plan period. The census covers all the families in the villages, and the objective is to identify the families below the poverty line. A statement showing the state-wise results of BPL census for 9th Plan is Annexed.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the following majorprogrammes to improve the condition of the rural poor :

1. Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY),

2. Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS),

3. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), and

4. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2365 DUE FOR 9.3.2000 REGAF LIVING STANDARD OF RURAL POOR

STATE-WISE RESULTS OF BPL CENSUS FOR 9TH PLAN

(Provisional)

State/UT	Total No. of rural families	No. of rural families below poverty line	% age of families below poverty line
1.Andhra Pradesh	10484028	4184628	39.91
2.Arunachal Pradesh	102852	80627	78.39
3.Assam	3412506	2028058	59.43
4.Bihar	18933813	9399281	49.64
5.Goa	135816	23101	17.01
6.Gujarat	5587768	1980879	35.45
7Haryana	2074615	503019	24.25

8.Himachal Pradesh	1036996	286112	27.59
9.J. & K.@	1175860	297125	25.27
10.Karnataka	6479832	2202756	33.99
11.Kerala	NR	NR	
12.Madhya Pradesh $	9129655	5096757	55.83
13.Maharashtra	11010022	3860675	35.07
14.Manipur	365670	246980	67.54
15.Meghalaya	282362	156646	55.48
16.Mizoram	NR	NR	
17.Nagaland	NR	NR	
18.Orissa $$	6790202	4445736	65.47
19.Punjab	NR	NR	
20.Rajasthan	6768541	2097560	30.99
21.Sikkim	NR	NR	
22.Tamil Nadu @	7356271	4874114	66.26
23.Tripura	NR	NR	
24.Uttar Pradesh	20430204	7541494	36.91
25.West Bengal	11070535	4915295	44.40
26.A & N Island	NR	6421	
27.D & N Haveli	26237	17231	65.67
28.Daman & Diu	10735	395	3.68
29.Lakshadweep	8625	885	10.26
30.Pondicherry	133555	63262	47.37
All IndiaAll IndiaAll IndiaA	122806700	54309037	44.22

NR - Not Reported
$$ - Rural Household
$ - Total no. of rural families reported for 35 districts only
@ - Number of rural families in Col.2 derived from the Census of India-1991 (Taken as five members in a family)